

What is claimed is:

1. A method for storing data in a memory comprising the steps of:
  - 5 computing an extent size from a bit rate of a data stream;  
rounding the computed extent size up to the next whole packet of data;  
identifying extents that require a null packet to be
  - 10 added to the extent;  
inserting a null packet into the identified extents; and  
storing each extent in said memory.